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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR PERUVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON

REF: LIMA 10871 AND STATE 002293

1. EMBOFF CALLED JANUARY 7 ON FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TO RELAY WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO GOP REQUEST
FOR 4-HOUR PROTECTION OF PERUVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. DIRECTOR THANKED U.S. FOR PROMPT RESPONSE, BUT STILL WONDERED
WHETHER USG WAS PROVIDING RECIPROCITY FOR 24-HOUR GUARDS PLUS
PERIODIC PATROL CAR PROTECTION THAT GOP OFFERS U.S. EMBASSY AND
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LIMA. HEAD OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, WHO
WAS ALSO PRESENT, WONDERED HOW PROTECTION PROVIDED GOP EMBASSY
COMPARED WITH THAT GIVEN OTHER EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.

3. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION WAS THE SIZE, NATURE AND
IMMEDIACY OF THE THREATS. HE UNDERLINED THAT IN OPINION OF U.S.
SECURITY EXPERTS, THE TYPE OF COVERAGE PROVIDED PERUVIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON WAS SUPERIOR TO 24-HOUR STATIONARY GUARDS. EMBOFF
DISCLAIMED TECHNICAL ANY EXPERTISE, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT MUST
COMPLICATE THE MISSION OF A WOULD-BE TERRORIST TO HAVE THREE
DIFFERENT TYPES
OF PATROLS AT FREQUENT BUT UNPREDICTABLE INTERVALS. AS TO COM-
PARABILITY, EMBOFF BELIEVED THAT WASHINGTN, LIKE LIMA, ALLOCATED
RESOURCES TO PROTECT ITS DIPLOMATIC GUESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
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THREATS TO THEM. NO ONE COULD GUARANTEE ABSOLUTE PROTECTION, BUT

U.S. EXPERTS THOUGHT PROTECTION IN WASHINGTON WAS THE VERY BEST WE
COULD PROVIDE.

4. DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD GIVE U.S. REPLY TO FONMIN DE LA FLOR
AND WOULD LET US KNOW IF GOP WISHED TO PURSUE FURTHER THE
MATTER OF 24-HOUR STATIONARY GUARDS.

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